be of serious importance but according to the listed business, we have the Calling Attention on Barcelona. My only request to the Members is that this Calling Attention should not develop into a kind of an effort that by the end it becomes a non-starter and we also don't get a gold medal for speaking too much and not getting anything. Please ask pointed questions.

मिस्टर जैन, आप दस मिनट के अंदर बोलेंगे और बाकी सब लोग सवाल करेंगे।

I want to finish this so that the Minister has time to answer. Now let me bring the Calling Attention to the rails.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INDIAN CONTINGENT IN THE BARCELONA OLYMPICS

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN (Madhya Pradesh): Madam, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Human Resource Development to the performance of the Indian contingent in the Barcelona Olympics and the action taken by Government in regard thereto.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): Madam, It is true that the performance of the Indian contingent in the recently concluded Barcelona Olympics has been disappointing. But there is no cause to be despondent.

Much of the media criticism, as also observations in the House, have been on the misplaced premise that a number of medals were expected when the Indian contingent was cleared for participation in the Barcelona Olympics. At the very outset, Government would like to clarify that the selection of the contingent was based on a joint decision taken in consultation with the Indian Olympic Association and the concerned National Federations that all those who qualify as per the format laid by the concerned International Federation should be allowed to participate in the Olympics. There was no doubt hope of a couple of medals in Hockey or Archery or Shooting. But as regards the other disciplines, especially the contact sports of Boxing, Wrestling and Judo it was known that there is a gap between our standards and at the highest international class.

The decision by the Government to agree to the suggestion of clearing the contingent on the basis of format prescribed by the concerned International Federation was on account of its anxiety to create the necessary environment for sports which would have received a set back if the players were not allowed to participate in the Olympics even after they had qualified through the prescribed format of the concerned International level Federation.

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Whereas it would be possible for the Government to make a detailed statement only after the return of the contingent and receipt of the Report of the Chef-de-Mission and of Managers of the respective disciplines, it would not be out of place to mention at this stage that performances of Ramesh Krishnan and Leander Paes in the doubles event in Tennis, Deepankar Bhattacharya in Badminton, Kamlesh Mehta in Table Tennis, Subhas Verma in Free Style Wrestling, Pappu Yadav in Greco-Roman Wrestling, Shiney Wilson in Athletics, and Limba Ram in Archery have been commendable. It was unfortunate that Limba Ram got eliminated due to a new format of one to one elimination on the basis of 12 arrows to be shot at 70 mtr distance on a day which was very windy. He had earlier qualified after 2 days of gruelling competition of 144 arrows by each archer over four distances of 30 mtr, 70 mtr, 50 mtr and 30 mtr where he was 11th out of 70 competitions. His elimination in the new format was also by

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102 points to 100 on a day when even the World Champion, S. Fairweather of Australia, lost along with him. At the end of the 2 day competition, in the crucial 70 mtr distance, Limba Ram had stood second.

The performance of the Hockey Team has no doubt been disappointing and their defeat at the hands of Great Britain was unexpected. As hockey is more or less regarded as a National Game along with Kabaddi, Government would be going into greater details after receipt of the Chef-de-Mission's Report. As Members might be knowing, a National Hockey Academy is being set up by Air India at the National Stadium, New Delhi, in close collaboration with the India Hockey Federation and the Sports Authority of India.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Dr. J. K. Jain, Ten minutes.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Madam, the Olympic motto is *citius, altius* and *fortius*. These are three words in the Roman language. In English language they mean "swifter, higher and stronger." But the state of our sports today is slower, lower and weaker. Madam, I believe and I am happy to know that the Minister also believes and this Indian nation believes, that this decline is reversible provided there is a collective will. Madam, the challenge today is whether this Parliament and this nation together can rise to the occasion like the phoenix from the ashes again.

Madam, for the spirit that I want to build up in this debate it will be relevant to refer to the history of the Olympics.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): History of our performance in the Olympics?... (*Interruptions*)... Okay, go ahead.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Madam, the ancient games were held in 394 A.D. But then they were revived in the year 1886 by a Frenchman and his name was Mr. Baron de Coubertin. Now the objectives and the motives of this Frenchman were practical and noble. His major objective was to bolster the sagging fortune of the French nation by developing a strong character and vitality among the youth of France through the spirit of competition and athletic participation. At the same time, Mr. Baron de Coubertin believed that the tension and animosity which existed among the people of the world could be lessened through the spirit of competition and athletic competition. He envisioned a world of nations participating peacefully but competitively on the playing field rather than meeting violently on the battle ground. This was the spirit of Olympic Games. It helped France in a substantial manner.

Madam, on the 6th April, 1896 these Games were held again in Greece when Greece was celebrating its 75th anniversary of independence. The modern Olympic Games began there. Madam, I am referring to this history because we are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of "Quit India movement" so that we can learn a right lesson... (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I request the Members, please don't interrupt him. May I please have order in the House? Mr. Gopalsamy, please. One second, Dr. Jain. Please do not interrupt Dr. Jain. He is entitled to his opinions. The time at our disposal is very brief. Kindly let him speak. (Interruptions). Never mind. That is his privilege.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Madam, India participated in the Olympic Games in Paris in 1900 and in the very first entry, we had got two medals in the 200 metres race. In 1947, the Indian Olympic Association was established and the President was Sir Dorabji Tata and the Secretary was Shri G. D. Sondhi. In 1928, at Amsterdam, India won the gold medal in hockey. The point I am making is, at that time, medals were won because our sports association were

manned either by sportsmen or by those who were the promoters of sports. Now, know to what extent politicisation has taken place. That is what is happening in the Ministry of Sports. Politicisation of sports is the talk of the town, of the country. I wish the P. M. was here because the issues I am trying to raise are beyond the purview of the Ministry of Sports. As I said in the beginning, we require the collective will of the nation. I am sorry that though the senior Minister, the hon. Minister of Human Resources Development, is here, he chose to field a junior person. He is welcome to do that. But my question to the Government is, what priority does it give the problem of sports? I am not only concerned with the defeat in sports. My concern and the nation's concern is the national honour, the humiliation that every Indian is feeling today because of Barcelona Olympic results. That is why I wish we changed our priorities. It is not only a reflection on the functioning of the sports management in our country. But the funds of the Cricket Board are invested in the securities scam. There are reports and the Government has not denied them. Madam, we provide poor financial support to our games. I am happy that our hon. Minister of Finance is here and I would request him to take note of what I am saying.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You have three minutes more.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Whatever money is allocated is not utilised. The financial policies of the Government have been anti-sports. Most of the money that has been spent is not to run the sports but to maintain the government bureaucracy, the management of sports and the Sports Authority of India. Let me give some concrete examples. In the year 1991-92, the allocation was Rs. 53.46 crores. We did not utilise the whole money. We utilised only Rs. 47.10 crores. And in the year 1992-93, we have cut the Budgetary allocation to sports to Rs. 41.36 crores. That means reduction by 23 per cent. If you take into account the 14 per cent WPI and the 18 per cent CPI, the cut in the allocation to sports comes to 40 per cent. Now, how do we justify our expectations if we cut our investments in sports? It is not true that we have no money. The hon. Minister has diverted the money that came to the Ministry of Human Resource Development or he has thought it better to utilise it elsewhere. For Youth Affairs, the allocation in the year 1991-92 was Rs. 21 crores. It was not fully spent. Only Rs. 17.55 crore was spent. As we all know, it is used for political benefits, for the benefit of some of the organisation affiliated to the ruling party. Since that is increased, we are cutting our investments in sports. *(Interruption)*. We are cutting our investments in sports from 53 crore to 41 crore. But we are increasing the allocation for Youth Affairs from Rs. 21 crore to Rs. 32 crore. Madam, the Government is saying that they are liberalising imports. There is a small negative list... *(Time bell rings)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You will have to conclude now, Dr. Jain. I have already warned you in advance. You will have to conclude now.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: I am speaking very relevant points.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Every one is speaking relevant points. Dr. Jain. The time of the House is limited. You will have to conclude now.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Give me a few minutes.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No. I am sorry, you will have to conclude in one minute. I have to be very strict with the time.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: The Government says that they are liberalising imports. But the hon. Minister knows that the sports equipment is on the negative list. There was a Customs' duty

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extemption for the import of the sports equipment earlier. The sportsmen, certified by the National Federation, were allowed to do it. But now, only one or two persons, who have played at the national or international level, are allowed. So we are hitting sports in every way. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude now. I have to call the next speaker.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: I would only make a small comment to what the hon. Minister said in the statement. The impression has been there as if is not the Government but the body of the Indian Olympic Association and the concerned National Federation, who are held responsible for the selection of the players. I am not going to blame anybody. If anyone is to be blamed, it is all of us because these are the policies passed by the Parliament and the nation has pursued them and that has led to this debacle. But what I am trying to say is, while speaking on theis, don't make statements which are not true. I am having in my hand a book, which is published by the Ministry of Sports "Operation Excellence." It contains the guidelines and the policy relating to the sports. Now, at page 11, it says, "Identification of the national coach" is done by the Government." At page 12, it says, "selection of sports persons for inclusion in the coaching camp" is done by the Government." At page 25, it says, "selection of managers" is done by the Government.' At page 27 it says, "clearance for participation even where the Government is not involved", is done by the Government. (*Interruptions*) (*Time bell rings*) I am concluding, Madam. Everything is controlled by the Government through the Sports Authority of India. What the Government should do is to strengthen the sports bodies encourage them, give them more money or take a collective decision that we are a poor country; we cannot afford to invest in sports and games and we cannot participate in the international events. We are not giving money to our clubs, to our universities and to our schools to develop the sports. How can we function? This is my points. I am just concluding, Madam.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRMIATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No, no. I am calling the next speaker. Mr. Lather.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Let me conclude, Madam.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude now. You have been doing that for the last three minutes. Please make your concluding remark.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Madam, every time, on a calling attention moiton... (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Seven minutes alone are allowed. I am sorry, yon are totally incorrect. Dr. Jain. The moment the rules are pointed out to you, you start making remarks about the Chair. This is unexceptable. According to the rules, you were allowed seven minutes. You have taken thirteen minutes. Kindly sit down, now.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: I am concluding now. Please allow me to conclude (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You are totally incorrect. You were allowed only seven minutes. Kindly make your concluding remarks.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: The Olympic spirit is not being exhibited. When I was trying to make constructive sugestions...(*Interruptions*) Anyway, I am concluding. I want to make an appeal to the Government. We all know that the African Blacks were having no place in the sports. Other nations

of the world have used sports to build character in their youths. By way of sports, they have tried to rejuvenate a national character so that they are able to come up in the international events. I want to make a request that the sports should be treated in the same spirit as a character building activity, as a nation building activity. The Ministry of Finance, The Ministry of Human Resource Development, the whole Government, supported by the Opposition should make an appropriate investment and should give an appropriate priority to sports so that our youngmen and women across the country come up, participate and win medals for India. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Lather. Five minutes only.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: (Haryana): Madam, when I saw this medals tally...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam, this is a very important subject...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No. I am sorry, we are constricted by time... (*Interruptions*)... Mr. Gopalsamy, we are constricted by time. There are many important subjects. Every subject is as important as the other. We have to pass the Nagaland Bill today... (*Interruptions*)... No; I am sorry. Please don't make any remark... (*Interruption*) ...Please now do not take up the time of the House.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Please at least don't include these things in my time.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam, you can use your discretion. It is my request.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No, I am sorry. The Business Advisory Committee had considered it.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sports need more time.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You can write to the Minister. You can go and meet him, you can talk to him. You don't have to say it here.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Madam, our nation stands humiliated and disappointed today and so is the statement of the Minister. I have gone through it. It is also very disappointing. Nothing has been shown in it as to what the Government is going to do to redress things. I have gone through the medals tally and I am sorry to say that our country's name is written only in white ink and it is not visible here although so many small countries, poor countries, like Cuba, Ethopia, Estonia, Nambia, Slovenia, Surinam, Bahamas find a place in the list of 64 countries which have won the medals. Not only this, just to say, just to prove that we are going down the drain, I would like to bring to the notice of the House how we are behaving in ASIADs. In 1982 we won 13 gold medals. In 1986 we came down to five. In 1990 we come down to One. Similarly, about silver, in 1982 we won 19 medals; in 1986 we won 9 medals and in 1990 we came down to eight. Similarly, about bronze, in 1982 it was 26 medals; in 1986 it was 23 medals and In 1990 it came down to 14 medals Madam, in 1982 we won a total of 58 medals while we came down to 23 medals in 1990. This is the pathetic situation in which we are placed today. I raised this matter in a special Mention in this very House and I asked certain pointed questions. I put to the Government the question whether these associations and these sports bodies are being headed by politicians. They are being headed by bureaucrats, by IPS and IAS officers. They don't have any knowledge about the games. A person who has never played *gulli danda* in his life-time can become a Chairman of the Cricket Board. A

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person who does not know how to swim becomes chairman of the swimming association. Madam, I raised this matter before the House and I am grateful to the hon. Minister that she responded and wrote a reply. I am going to read that reply, Madam, because it is so important that it will throw ample light on the whole issue and the helplessness of the Government which has been shown in this letter:

"Dear Shri Lather,

Please refer to your Mention made in Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 1992 regarding the need for improvement in the field of sports.

While I see the point in your suggestion that the Sports Associations/Federations should not be headed by politicians/bureaucrats, I wish to add that the Sports Associations/Federations are autonomous voluntary organisations and Government has no control over them. Hence, we cannot issue any direction to them in this respect unless we have some kind of *legislative backing*, which could empower us to curb the manipulations by a group of individuals to perpetuate their stranglehold over the functioning of sports bodies at least at National level. I also appreciate your sincerity while sugesting that such bodies should be headed by National level players."

That was my suggestion.

"In fact, it would be appropriate to have the management and functioning of sports bodies in the hands of the sportspersons."

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You have to conclude now.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Madam, this is very important.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No. It seems everything is important.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: This is the Government's reply, Madam.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No, you have to conclude now.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: I am very sorry to say that the Government has shown absolute helpness about doing anything in the matter.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please seek your clarifications on the statement.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: That is all what we can do. We are here in Parliament to legislate. We can make laws. We can change laws. Madam, another thing which I would like to point out is...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please seek your clarifications and conclude.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: ...how we are treating our sports people, our players. I read a news item two months back about an Arjuna Award winner. His photograph was shown in the paper.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude, Mr. Lather.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: He was running a *rerhi* to earn his livelihood. Only two or three days back a billiard champion died unknown an unwept. His body was not claimed by anybody for three days. His body was disposed of by some voluntary oragnisation. This is how we are treating our sportsmen and players. Madam, I would like to submit that we must treat our players and sportsmen with mamta. Mamta has got no parallel word in any other language.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): She is a Minister.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: "Mamta" means motherly love, affection, respect, kindness and the mother brings up the child. We must treat...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: ...our players like 'Mamta'. Mamta says jwe will have to take help of*. Only then we can get the gold medalists defected from those countries and bring them to our country. Only then we can do it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude, Mr. Lather.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: And, of course, Madam, it should be more than one-third.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude now.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Maybe, we can get the whole team defected so that it may not amount to defection. Madam, what I would like to submit is why the Government is so helpless and I was just looking.....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I am calling the next speaker now.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: He has made a personal allegation...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): I will delete it from the record.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: I am only submitting a very important and salient thing. Madam, I would like to bring to your notice and to the notice of the House...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Lather, you have taken seven minutes.

*Not recorded.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: ...that our expenditure, *per capita* expenditure, on sports comes to only two paise.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please make your concluding remarks. (*Interruptions*) Mr. Lather, please make your concluding remarks.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Undess and until we provide funds, ample funds, for this purpose...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): It is not a debate.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: The Government must come forward with a national sports policy. The policy which was issued in 1984 had not been implemented because the sports authority became counter-productive. It failed absolutely. The Government must bring a comprehensive bill on sports and this humiliation must stop somewhere. Madam, we must apply...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Gojalsamy.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Madam, please allow me.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No, please conclude.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Madam, I was a mover of the calling attention motion.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): No. Dr. Jain was the mover.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: No. I also moved it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Anyway, only the first speaker is allowed seven minutes. You have taken more than eight minutes. I am going to be very strict with the time today.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: But I have very important points, Madam.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): We all have points. Why don't you write a leter to the Minister? Please make your concluding remarks.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: I would only submit that there should be no politics involved in sports. These bureaucrats going aboad are enjoying as paid guests and doing nothing for the game or for the country there. They fight for T-shirts, Olympic T-shirts, and other things there. Even our coach misbehaved there and for three days he created a hell there just to get this Olympic T-shirt. This is how they are doing and they bring so many things from abroad.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): you please sit down.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: This is how we are being exploited.

I would like to suggest that the big business houses who have got tonnes of money should be made...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN): Please conclude, Mr. Lather.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: ...to contribute to national sports fund. There must be a national sports fund and they must be made to contribute towards that.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please sit down, Mr. Lather.

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: These contributions should be exempted from income-tax then only ample funds will be available for our players. There is no dearth of talent in our country. Furthermore, we must go to the villages. Villages must be made a unit. Rural people are more sturdy than the city people. They can be easily trained. So, what I am submitting is that in village schools playgrounds must be provided. Equipment must be there. There must be a scientific training. There must be a definite programme. I am against boycotting the Olympics as has been suggested by the Minister. It will be very disappointing. There are still four years to go to Atlanta. We must rise whole-heartedly, as one nation, as one man, from the dust and bring glory to our country. That is my submission.

1.00 P.M.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam Vice-Chairman, another epitaph has been written on Indian sports by the Indian contingent when they came empty handed. It is most unfortunate to witness the shocking debacle of our Indian contingent that India could not climb the rostrum, not even once to get a bronze medal. When countries like Ethiopia, where starvation deaths are reported, Kenya, Namibia, Bahamas, very small countries, are able to climb the rostrum, when Cuba which is at the very door step of the United States, has got 14 gold medals, when it is a myth that the East cannot compete with the West, Chinese have disproved it. That myth has been exposed. They have got 16 gold medals. Madam, 64 countries have got the privilege to stand on the rostrum. But the second most populous country of the world—we may become number one by the turn of the century—could not get even a single medal. It is very shameful for the country. Madam, when we were sitting before the Television sets we were surprised to see the enthusiasm, the zeal of the people of the respective countries with their respective flags. They were giving standing ovation to the players. That sort of encouragement was given. I don't want to criticise the present Minister. But we lack a sports policy in this country. With good intentions Mrs. Indira Gandhi held the Asian Games here and crores of rupees were spent. Some big stadia were constructed. In the Asian Games we did not disappoint. To a certain extent we well in the Asian Games. But what is the follow-up action? We misrably failed in Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Then again in Seoul there was a terrible failure. What lesson have we learnt from the failures? What steps have we taken to improve our standard?

Madam, there is a reference to Mr. Leander Paes and Mr. Ramesh Krishnan in the statement. It is not because of any effort by the Government or by the Sports Ministry. It is because of their individual efforts.

Mr. Krishnan, the then hero of Indian Tennis, father of Ramesh Krishnan, Amritraj brothers, particularly Mr. Vijay Amritraj, brought glory to this country because of their own practice, because of their own personal efforts without any support from the Government. Rather Mr. Viajy Amritraj was humiliated by the Tennis Association of India. I raised this issue on the floor of the house. When he was honoured by the United States, when he was selected as the President of the Professional Tennis Association of the world, he was humiliated by the Tennis Association of India. I drew the attention of the Minister at that time. Madam, again there is a reference about Hockey. There were times when the greatest player of all times of India, Mr. Dhyan Chand, mesmerised the whole world, mesmerised the Olympic stadia when he dribbled the ball. But the style of the game has changed over the years. Today in Hockey the physical prowess decide the victory. Anyhow, though they were beaten, only India and Pakistan play the game beautifully. Hockey is a beautiful game and only India and Pakistan play it like that even today. Our performance against Australia was good. But why did we fail in hockey? Even today we could excel others in hockey. But why did we fail? I am very sorry to point out that though we could not get medals for other games, the game in which we have been performing well all these years, in that game also we failed. What efforts have we made? We have to play on astro-turf. These grounds are available in other countries, in the western countries. But in India how many astro-turfs are there? There are only seven such grounds. Madam, our hon. Minister, Mr. Arjun Singh, is a dynamic Minister. Arjun was the greatest archer of all times, as mentioned in our epic. Therefore, I had great confidence in Limba Ram. He did get a medal last time. But this time the wind did not favour him. I cannot blame the player. But at the same time I really feel sorry about the statement made by our hon. Minister Mr. Mamta Banerjee. She said it was because of lack of confidence in the players and because of lack of mental and physical preparation that they failed. Madam, this is very condemnable. It is very unfortunate. How can you blame the players? What sort of encouragement have you given to the players? Just some days back a billiards champion died of starvation. Another basket-ball player is pulling cycle rickshaws in Bihar. What encouragement have we given to the players? We have not given any encouragement and we are now putting the blame on the players. How much money have we spent on sports every year after the Asiad? Very small countries are spending millions and millions on sports. We allot only a meagre amount for sports and that is a point which has to be considered. Madam, even the other day I had made this suggestion. Let us take lessons from China and East Germany. They did not participate in the international events for two decades. On the other hand, they turned the whole country into a training camp for sports. Ta-

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lent from rural areas, talent from different parts of the country was further trained. They selected players at a tender age and trained them for 2 years, 5 years or 10 years. Special doctors were allotted to take care of them. Everyday the players were looked after and they prepared themselves pretty well. After a lapse of 10 or 12 years, when ethey participated in international events they came out with flying colours. Let us take some lessons from them. Otherwise, it will be a shame for the country. When our team was taken to the Olympic village, it was found that out flag was missing. It is a shame for the country.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude now.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I hope the Minister will take action against those officials. They are more after T-Shirts and electronics goods. This was reported in the press. Really we feel very sorry. Let us take lessons from China and East Germany and also from the newly born States which were recognised only recently as Independent States. Those countries were able to get medals. I do not want to blame our hon. Minister. But let us have a very good sports policy hereafter on scientific lines. Let us prepare the ground for encouraging our sportsmen and give a fillip to them. Only then we can win some medals. Only then India should compete and participate in international events. Otherwise, it will be a total disaster. Therefore, I hope our hon. Minister will take into consideration all these things and allot more funds. Talent from rural areas should be tapped any they should be gven all kind of encouragement.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): I am thankful to you and all these Members whose names have appeared in the Calling Attention Motion for allowing me to say a few words on

मैंने एक दय हां समझदारी का लफज इस्तेमाल किया था और कुछ आनरेबल मैम्बर्स के एतराज पर मैंने वह लफ्ज वापिस ले लिया था । स्पोर्टस का मामला ऐसा है कि जिस जिस जाविए से बहस होती है, मुझे अंदाजा नहीं हो पाता है कि हम रिएली हिन्दुस्तान के स्पोर्टस के मामले में जगे हुए भी हैं या नहीं । मुझे इसी पर ताज्जुब होता है कि बर्सिलोना हुआ है, तब हमें ख्याल आया है कि हमारे मुल्क में स्पोर्टस के हालत बहुत खराब है । अगर स्पोर्टस से हमें कोई दिलचस्पी है, पिछले बीसियों साल की कहानी है कि हिन्दुस्तान जैसा इतना बड़ा देश वहां स्पोर्टस में किसी भी कम्पीटिशन में, इंटरनेशनल कम्पीटिशन में हमारी हालत खराब रहती है क्योंकि हमारे मुल्क में स्पोर्टस मेनेजमैंट खिलाड़ी पैदा कर सकने के काबिल है ही नहीं । हम तो आसमान की तरफ देखते रहते हैं कि कोई फर्द, कोई व्यक्ति आसमान से टपक पड़े—कोई पी० टी० ऊषा, कोई मिलखा सिंह आ जाए और उसके बाद हमारा मुल्क एक संगलाख सेहरा बन जाए कि जहां से खिलाड़ी पैदा न हो सकें । बार्सिलोना से आने के बाद हम इस चीज पर बहस कर रहे हैं और मुझे ताज्जुब है

شری سکندر بخت "مسلسل جاری": میں نے ایک دفعہ یہاں کھلاڑی کا غلط استعمال کیا تھا اور کچھ آنریبل ممبر کے اعتراض پر میں نے وہ لفظ واپس لے لیا تھا۔ اسپورٹس کا معاملہ ایسا ہے کہ جس جس زاویہ سے بحث ہوتی ہے مجھے اندازہ نہیں ہو پاتا ہے کہ ہم واقعی ہندوستان کے اسپورٹس کے معاملہ میں جگے ہوئے بھی ہیں یا نہیں۔ مجھے اسی پر تعجب ہوتا ہے کہ بارسیلونا ہوا ہے تب ہمیں خیال آیا ہے کہ ہمارے ملک میں اسپورٹس کے حالات بہت خراب ہیں اگر اسپورٹس سے ہمیں کوئی دلچسپی ہے۔ پچھلے بیسیوں سال کی کہانی ہے کہ ہندوستان جیسا اتنا بڑا دیش وہاں اسپورٹس میں کسی بھی کیپٹن شپ میں۔ انٹرنیشنل کیپٹن شپ میں ہماری حالت خراب رہتی ہے کیونکہ ہمارے ملک میں اسپورٹس مینجمنٹ کھلاڑی پیدا کر سکنے کے قابل ہی نہیں ہم تو آسمان کی طرف دیکھتے رہتے ہیں کہ کوئی فرد کوئی دیوتی آسمان سے ٹپک پڑے۔ کوئی پی۔ ٹی۔ اوشا کوئی ملکھا سنگھ آجائے اور اس کے بعد ہمارا ملک ایک سنگلاخ صحرا بن جائے کہ جہاں سے کھلاڑی پیدا نہ ہو سکیں۔ بارسیلونا سے آنے کے بعد ہم اس چیز پر بحث کر رہے ہیں اور مجھے تعجب ہے....

I don't want to cross swords with anybody or any hon. Minister.

† [ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

لیکن یہ جو سٹیٹمنٹ آیا ہے، اتنا بےجان ہے، اتنا بےروح ہے اور اسمیں سے بھی زبردستی ہم یہ پیدا کرنے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں کہ ہماری بڑی امیدیں تھیں اور پھر بھی ہمنے یہ کہا کہ شاہینی اتھلیٹس جو ہیں، وہ صرف کوالیفائنگ راؤنڈ میں ہی چوتھی چونکہ آ گئی ہیں، اسلیے ہمنے بڑا کمال کر دیا ہے۔ یہ اپروچ ہے۔ اس قسم کی اپنے آپکو تسکین دینا، انتہا سے زیادہ کمزوری کی حالت میں ہندوستان سپورٹس میں گزر رہا ہے اور پھر بھی ہم کسی نہ کسی قسم کی تسکین اپنے آپکو دینا چاہتے ہیں۔

میں کھلاڑی رہا ہوں تھوڑا سا، کچھ سپورٹس کے بارے میں تھیوریٹیکلی بات کر سکتا ہوں۔ ہاکی کے بارے میں تو میں یقیناً بہت کچھ کہہ سکتا ہوں۔ میں، اب کیا کہوں آپسے۔ آپنے یہاں فرمایا ہے کہ ہمیں امیدیں تھیں کہ ہم آرچری اور ہاکی میں کچھ میڈل لے آئینگے۔ آپکے کوچ کا کیا بیان تھا بارسیلونا جانے سے پہلے؟ آپکے کوچ کا بیان تھا کہ ہم سیمی فائنل تک پہنچنے کی کوشش کرینگے۔ آپکو ہاکی کے اندر کسی بھی میڈل کی امید کرنے کا حق کیا تھا؟ ہماری یہ ٹیم بارسیلونا جانے سے پہلے یوروپ میں ٹورنامنٹ کھیل رہی تھی اور اس وقت کچھ میچیز ہمنے جیت لیے تھے تو ہندوستان میں غل مچ گیا تھا کہ ہماری ٹیم بڑی تروکی کر گئی ہے۔ میں نے ایک آرٹیکل لکھا تھا، بارسیلونا میں ٹیم جانے سے پہلے، اور میں نے انکو یہ لکھا تھا کہ اس قسم کی امید صرف وہ لوگ بوواسطہ کر سکتے ہیں جو سپورٹس کے بارے میں ایک ایمیچیور کی نظر رکھتے ہیں، وہ گہری نظر نہیں رکھتے ہیں۔ میں نے یہ کہا تھا کہ ہماری ٹیم کی پرفارمینس یونیفارم نہیں ہے۔ میں نے بار-بار اس پر اصرار کیا ہے کہ نئے رولس بننے کے بعد کچھ، ہینڈیکیپس ہماری ہاکی کے کھیل کے درمیان آئے، لیکن ہم اٹیک اور ڈیفنس کو بلینڈ نہیں کر سکے ہیں آج تک۔ میں یہ مانتا ہوں کہ دونوں میچ، میں نے دو ہی میچ دیکھے ہیں اتفاق سے اس دفعہ، میں اولمپک کے بہت سارے کھیلوں کو پورے طور سے دیکھ نہیں سکا۔ پہلا میچ،

[श्री सिकन्दर बख्त]

जर्मनी से 1-3 गोल से हारे और दूसरा मैच, इंग्लेंड से जो हम 2-1 या 2-0 से हारे, दोनों में ..(समय की घंटी)... जी, खत्म कर रहा हूं। मैं कुछ काम की बातें बताना चाहता हूं। दोनों मैचों में इंडिविज्युली हमारे खिलाड़ी बेहतर खेल रहे थे। दोनों मैचों में अगर हमारी टीम टीम होती और इंडिविज्युली इक्ट्ठे न किए गए होते तो हमको जीतना चाहिए था, अगर किसी को हाकी-नजर है। तीन गोल, तीनों के तीनों गोल जर्मनी ने शार्ट कार्नर से हम पर मार दिए। हमारे लोग हमारे खिलाड़ियों को क्या बता सके कि हम शार्ट कार्नर को एवायड करने के लिए क्या करें? हमारी ग्राइसिस जोन 25 यार्डस के बाद होनी चाहिए कि सेंटर और 25 यार्डस के दरम्यान? मैं दर्जनों इसमें जा सकता हूं **(व्यवधान)**

Just a minute, Mr. Gopalsamy. What I am saying is that we are playing wrong hockey. Nobody is blaming our hockey. Nobody is planning our defence or our returns.

जस्ट ए मिनिट। मैं दो-तीन बात और कह दूं, जिसके मुताल्लिक वाकफियत नहीं है कि जब तक हिन्दुस्तान में स्पोर्ट एसोसियेशन और फेडरेशन के अन्दर सियासत की बीमारी रहेगी, आपस की पोलिटिक्स चलती रहेगी और वह पोलिटिक्स को स्पोर्ट फेडरेशन और एसोसियेशन की परकुलेट करके खिलाड़ियों तक पहुंचेगी, तो वह खिलाड़ी डिसीज्ड होता है, बीमार होता है और पोलिटिक्स में इंवोल्वड खिलाड़ी हिन्दुस्तान को रिप्रजेंट करने का हक रख सकता है, नहीं तो वह खेल ही नहीं सकता, कभी। हमारे कई दोस्तों ने यहां बातें कहीं कि हमारे स्पोर्ट फेडरेशन को आजादी मिलनी चाहिए। ओलम्पिक चार्टर की मजबूरियां हैं कि सरकार दखल नहीं दे सकती। जितनी फेडरेशंस और एसोसियेशन्स हैं, सरकार उनके मामलात में दखल देने का हक नहीं रखती।

श्री एन०के०पी० साल्वे : यह किसने कहा आपसे?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : मैं कह रहा हूं कि ओलम्पिक चार्टर है, जिसके मुताबिक सरकार स्पोर्ट बाडीज के मामलात में दखल नहीं दे सकती। लेकिन आपको दूसरी मिसाल देना चाहता हूं कि इसका तरीका क्या है? आपकी जितनी भी सोशलिस्ट कन्ट्रीज हैं, वह भी ओलम्पिक चार्टर के मुताबिक खेल खेलती हैं। लेकिन वह उसको सरकमवेंट करने का तरीका जानती हैं। वह तरीका हमारे यहां की सरकार नहीं जानती कि क्या तरीका वह अख्तयार करें। एलोकेशस बढ़े हैं, लेकिन उनका आप्टीमम यूज का तरीका नहीं है। किन प्रायोरिटीज एरिया के अंदर पैसा खर्च होना चाहिए, कोई नहीं जानता। एक हाकी स्टिक अगर 50 रुपए की आती है वह जो गलियों में खिलाड़ी पैदा किया करते थे, भोपाल की गलियों में या दिल्ली की या पंजाब की गलियों में, गांवों में पैदा किया करते थे, वह आज इंडिविजुअल हाकी नहीं खरीद सकता। दिल्ली में हाकी के 6 ग्राउण्ड हैं। मैं बता रहा हूं कि मुखतलिफ आपको कहां जाना पड़ेगा। जब दिल्ली की आबादी 7 लाख से कम थी, आज एक शिवाजी स्टेडियम पर ग्राउण्ड है।

How do you produce players? Where do you spend the money that the Government allocated for spending on sports?

अच्छा, और क्या हालत हो गई है कि हम लोगों की तवोज्जह खिलाड़ी पर नहीं रहकर हमारी पूरी-पूरी तवज्जह उन लोगों

पर हो गई है कि कौन किस फेडरेशन का और एसोसियेशन का प्रेजिडेंट हो। उसके लिए मार-काट चल रही है। हम खिलाड़ी को भी तबाह कर रहे हैं (**समय की घंटी**) मैं बहुत कुछ कह सकता हूं, मैडम, मैं खत्म कर रहा हूं। मैं सिर्फ यह कहना चाहता हूं कि अमेच्यूरिस एप्रोचिज को कुछ नहीं होगा। मैं यह भी अर्ज करना चाहता हूं कि यह कह देना काफी नहीं है कि सिर्फ जो लोग खिलाड़ी रह चुके हैं वह स्पोर्ट एसोसियेशन को——क्योंकि आज खिलाड़ी होना इस चीज की दलील नहीं है कि उसको अच्छे खेल की नजर भी है। ध्यान चन्द का नाम लिया अभी किसी ने। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं, आथंटीकली कहना चाहता हूं कि ध्यान चन्द हाकी का विजार्ड था। मगर ध्यान चन्द के कजिन का नाम उसके मुकाबले में नहीं लिया जाता है। हालांकि रूप सिंह ध्यान चन्द से ज्यादा समझता था। वह मिट्टी के खिलाड़ी को खिलाड़ी बना सकता था। अनफोर्च्युनेट यह है कि हम लोगों की नजर स्पोर्ट मेनेजमेंट पर नहीं है। हम लोगों की नजर स्पोर्ट के मामले में जो बुनियादी जरूरतें हैं, उस पर है ही नहीं और हमने इस मुल्क के स्पोर्ट को वर्षों से तबाह कर रखा है। आज भी हम एक लिम्बा राम की पैदायश में बैठे रहते हैं। माफ करेंगे मुझे, दोनों के दोनों मिनिस्टर साहबान यहां बैठे हुये हैं। ममता जी भी हैं और अर्जुन सिंह जी भी हैं यहां। कुछ वह लोग जो स्पोर्ट को समझते हों, उनको बैठाइये, कुछ प्लान कीजिये, वरना यह इसी ढर्रे से चलता रहेगा तो हम जहां पहुचे हैं वहां से नीचे ही जायेंगे। बहुत-बहुत शुक्रिया आपको।

لیکن یہ جو اسٹیٹمنٹ آیا ہے اتنا بے جان ہے۔ اتنا بے روح ہے اور اس میں سے بھی زبردستی ہم یہ پیدا کرنے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں کہ ہماری بڑی امیدیں تھیں اور پھر بھی ہم نے یہ کہا کہ شاہنی ابراہیم جو ہیں وہ صرف کوالی فائنگ راؤنڈ میں ہی چوتھی کیونکہ آگئی ہیں اس لیے ہم نے بڑا کمال کر دیا ہے۔ یہ اپروچ ہے۔ اس قسم کی اپنے آپ کو تسکین دینا انتہا سے زیادہ کمزوری کی حالت میں ہندوستان اسپورٹس میں گذر رہا ہے اور پھر بھی ہم کسی نہ کسی قسم کی تسکین اپنے آپ کو دینا چاہتے ہیں۔

میں کھلاڑی رہا ہوں تھوڑا سا۔ کچھ اسپورٹس کے بارے میں اتھانٹکلی بات کر سکتا ہوں۔ ہاکی کے بارے میں تو میں یقیناً بہت کچھ کہہ سکتا ہوں۔ میں اب کیا کہوں آپ سے۔ آپ نے یہاں فرمایا ہے کہ ہمیں امیدیں تھیں کہ ہم آرچری اور ہاکی میں کچھ میڈل لے آئینگے۔ آپ کے کوچ کا کیا بیان تھا بارسیلونا جانے سے پہلے۔ آپ کے کوچ کا بیان تھا کہ ہم سیمی فائنل تک پہنچنے کی کوشش کریں گے۔ آپ کو ہاکی کے اندر کسی بھی میڈل کی امید کرنے کا حق کیا تھا۔ ہماری یہ ٹیم بارسیلونا

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[Shri Sikander Bakhat]

جانے سے پہلے یوروپ میں ٹورنامنٹ کھیل رہی تھی اور اس وقت کچھ میچز ہم نے جیت لیے تھے۔ ہندوستان میں غل مچ گیا تھا کہ ہماری ٹیم بڑی ترقی کر گئی ہے۔ میں نے ایک آرٹیکل لکھا تھا بارسیلونا میں ٹیم جانے سے پہلے اور میں نے ان کو یہ لکھا تھا کہ اس قسم کی امیدیں صرف وہ لوگ وابستہ کر سکتے ہیں جو اسپورٹس کے بارے میں ایک امیچیور کی نظر رکھتے ہیں وہ ہماری نظر نہیں رکھتے ہیں۔ میں نے یہ کہا تھا کہ ہماری ٹیم کی پرفارمینس کنسیسٹنٹ نہیں ہے میں نے بار بار اس پر اصرار کیا ہے کہ نئے رولس بننے کے بعد کچھ ہینڈی کیپس ہماری ہاکی کے کھیل کے درمیان آ گئے۔ لیکن ہم اپنے اٹیک اور ڈفینس کو پلینڈ نہیں کر سکے ہیں آج تک۔ میں یہ مانتا ہوں کہ دونوں میچ۔ میں نے دو ہی میچ دیکھے ہیں اتفاق سے اس دفعہ میں اولمپک کے بہت سارے کھیلوں کو پورے طور سے دیکھ نہیں سکا۔ پہلا میچ جرمن سے ۳-۱ گول سے ہارے اور دوسرا میچ انگلینڈ سے جو ہم ۱-۲ یا ۱-۳ سے ہارے دونوں میں۔۔ "وقت کی گھنٹی"..... جی ختم کر رہا ہوں میں کچھ کام کی باتیں بتانا چاہتا ہوں۔ دونوں میچوں میں انڈیویجول ہمارے کھلاڑی بہتر کھیل رہے تھے دونوں میچوں میں اگر ہماری ٹیم ٹم ہوتی اور انڈیویجولی اکٹھے نہ کیے گئے ہوتے تو ہم کو جیتنا چاہیے تھا۔ اگر کسی کو ہاکی نظر ہے۔ تین گول تینوں کے تینوں گول جرمنی نے شارٹ کارنر سے ہم پر مار دیے۔ ہمارے گول ہمارے کھلاڑیوں کو کیا بتا سکے کہ ہم شارٹ کارنر کو اوائڈ کرنے کیلئے کیا کریں۔ ہماری کرائسس زون ۲۵ یارڈ کے بعد ہونی چاہیے کہ سینٹر اور ۲۵ یارڈس کے درمیان۔ میں درجنوں اس میں جا سکتا ہوں۔ "مداخلت"

Just a minute, Mr. Gopalsamy. What I am saying is that we are playing wrong hockey. Nobody is blaming our hockey. Nobody is planning our defence or our returns.

جسٹ اے منٹ۔ میں دو تین باتیں اور کہہ دوں جس کے متعلق واقعیت نہیں ہے کہ جب تک ہندوستان میں اسپورٹس ایسوسی ایشن اور فیڈریشن کے اندر سیاست کی بیماری رہیگی۔ آپس کی پولیٹکس چلتی رہے گی اور وہ پولیٹکس کو اسپورٹ فیڈریشن اور ایسوسی ایشن کی پرکولیٹ کر کے کھلاڑیوں تک پہنچے گی تو وہ کھلاڑی ڈسیزڈ ہوتا ہے بیمار ہوتا ہے اور پولیٹکس میں الوالوڈ کھلاڑی ہندوستان کو ریپریزنٹ کرنے کا حق رکھ سکتا ہے نہیں تو وہ کھیل ہی نہیں سکتا کبھی ہمارے کئی دوستوں نے یہاں باتیں کہیں کہ ہمارے اسپورٹس فیڈریشن کو آزادی ملنی چاہیے۔ اولمپک

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کم تھی آج ایک شیواجی اسٹیڈیم پر گراؤنڈ ہے۔

How do you produce players? Where do you spend the money that the Government allocated for spendng on sports?

اچھا اور کیا حالت ہو گئی ہے کہ ہم لوگوں کی توجہ کھلاڑی پر نہیں رہ کر ہماری پوری پوری توجہ ان لوگوں پر ہو گئی ہے کہ کون کس فیڈریشن کا اور ایسوسی ایشن کا پریزیڈنٹ ہو۔ اس کے لیے مار کاٹ چل رہی ہے ہم کھلاڑی کو بھی تباہ کر رہے ہیں... "وقت کی گھنٹی"... میں بہت کچھ کہہ سکتا ہوں میڈم میں ختم کر رہا ہوں۔ میں صرف یہ کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ اسپورٹس اپروچ کو کچھ نہیں ہو گا۔ میں یہ بھی عرض کرنا چاہتا ہوں کہ یہ کہہ دینا کافی نہیں ہے کہ صرف جو لوگ کھلاڑی رہ چکے ہیں وہ اسپورٹس ایسوسی ایشن کو... کیونکہ آج کھلاڑی ہونا اس چیز کی دلیل نہیں ہے کہ اسکو اچھے کھیل کی نظر بھی ہے۔ دھیان چند کا نام لیا ابھی کسی نے۔ میں یہ کہہ دینا چاہتا ہوں۔ اٹھنٹکلی کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ دھیان چند ہاکی کا وجارڈ تھا مگر دھیان چند کے کرن کا نام اس کے مقابلے میں نہیں لیا جاتا ہے۔ حالانکہ روپ سنگھ دھیان چند سے زیادہ سمجھتا تھا۔ وہ مٹی کے کھلاڑی کو کھلاڑی بنا سکتا تھا۔ انفرجونیٹ یہ ہے کہ ہم لوگوں کی نظر اسپورٹس مینجمنٹ پر نہیں ہے۔

چارٹر کی مجبوریاں ہیں کہ سرکار دخل نہیں دے سکتی جتنی فیڈریشنس اور ایسوسی ایشنس ہیں سرکار ان کے معاملات میں دخل دینے کا حق نہیں رکھتی۔

شری۔ این۔ کے۔ پی۔ سالوے: یہ کس نے کہا آپ سے۔

شری سکندر بخت: میں کہہ رہا ہوں کہ اولمپک چارٹر ہے جس کے مطابق سرکار اسپورٹس باڈیز کے معاملات میں دخل نہیں دے سکتی۔ لیکن آپ کو دوسری مثال دینا چاہتا ہوں کہ اسکا طریقہ کیا ہے۔ آپ کی جتنی بھی سو شلسٹ کوٹریز ہیں وہ بھی اولمپک چارٹر کے مطابق کھیل کھیلتی ہیں لیکن وہ اسکو سرکومینٹ کرنے کا طریقہ جانتی ہیں۔ وہ طریقہ ہمارے یہاں کی سرکار نہیں جانتی کہ کیا طریقہ وہ اختیار کریں۔ ایلوکیشنس بڑھے ہیں لیکن ان کا اوبجیکٹیو لوز کا طریقہ نہیں ہے۔ کن پرائرٹیز ایریاز کے اندر پیسہ خرچ ہونا چاہیے کوئی نہیں جانتا۔ ایک ہاکی اسٹک اگر ۵۰ روپیہ کی آتی ہے۔ وہ جو گلیوں میں کھلاڑی پیدا کیا کرتے تھے بمبئی پال کی گلیوں میں یا دلی کی یا پنجاب کی گلیوں میں گاؤں میں پیدا کیا کرتے تھے وہ آج اتنے روپیوں ہاکی نہیں خرید سکتا۔ دلی میں ہاکی کے گراؤنڈ ہیں۔ میں بتا رہا ہوں کہ مختصراً آپ کو کہاں جانا پڑے گا۔ جب دلی کی آبادی ۷ لاکھ سے

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ہم لوگوں کی نظر اسپورٹس کے معاملے میں جو بنیادی ضرورتیں ہیں اس پر ہے ہی نہیں اور ہم نے اس ملک کے اسپورٹس کو ورشوں سے تباہ کر رکھا۔ آج بھی ہم ایک لمبا رام کی پیدائش میں بیٹھے رہتے ہیں۔ معاف کریں گے مجھے۔ دونوں کے دونوں منسٹر صاحبان یہاں بیٹھے ہوئے ہیں متاجی بھی ہیں اور ارجن سنگھ جی بھی ہیں یہاں۔ کچھ وہ لوگ جو اسپورٹس کو سمجھتے ہوں انکو بیٹھا ئیے کچھ پلان کیجئے ورنہ یہ اسی ڈھرے سے چلتا رہے گا تو ہم جہاں پہنچے ہیں وہاں سے نیچے ہی جائینگے۔ بہت بہت شکریہ آپ کا۔ "ختم شد"

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, at the outset let me frankly state that I am really distressed the way the country feels embarrassed at our performance in sports. My distress is because of the embarrassment of the country and Parliament. It was all expected. Nothing was unexpected. The country has not won even a single medal, leave alone a number of medals. The situation that exists today would not have been different. In fact we are passing through a phase of steadily declining trend in sports activities and in the standard of sports in the country. It is, in fact, a steady decline in sports.

What is happenning to our cricket? For some time, Indian cricket was the best in the world. But now what is happening? Therefore, the main point is that the sports are declining in the country steadily.

Secondly, the question of the Government's role is very important and I understand that. Just look at the Soviet Union, a country which has broken up and a country where the system has changed radically. Even there the sportsmen have done so well. Therefore, it is not only a question of the role of the Government, but is also a question of having a sports movement in the country. Our failure cannot be attributed to the failure of the Government only. That, of course, is very important. It can be attributed to the low priority that sports are given in our national priorities. This is important. It is also important to note that allocation for sports in the Five Year Plans and in he Budgets is very paltry and very poor. All these factors are very important. But, at the same time, what is much more important is that the country is not having a sports movement at all with the broadest participation by the people. If there is no sports movement and if there are no broad sports activities, it is very difficult to find new talenets and it is only in that situation that you have to depend upon the performance of either P. T. Usha or Limba Ram, because the charcter of the sports movement in the country is shrinking everyday.

Madam, the Government's mismanagement is quite well known. At the same time, it is also true that sports have been mismanaged or are mismanaged at all levels. But, while saying so, I would also like to say that there must be a sense of caution: We must not pass on the buck. If a statement has been made to the effect that the Indian sports personalities have done so badly because they lack self-confidence, I must say that it is an act of irresponsibility. We deal with the human factor here, with the younger generation of the country, the feature of the nation, and so, there has to be a sense of responsibility. Therefore, let us not pass on the buck and let us not malign them. It is only by pampering, it is by encouraging, it is by training, it is by holding out programmes of sports development, that we will have to change the situation. If you decry the younger generation, no future is there for the country. Therefore there has to be a sense of responsibility, a responsibile attitude, not

only on the part of the Government, but also on the part of Parliament. Without sparing anybody for the failure, there has to be a sense of responsibility, Madam.

Let me very frankly state that we have not been playing games, but we have been playing weak games. Let me very frankly state that sports in our country are not the sports of sportsmen and sportswomen. But, unfortunately, sports have become the pastime, a favourable pastime, of powerful politicians, bureaucrats and officials of the country. People in power seek to offload the monotony of their political life by reluctantly accepting,—I am putting it in the way they put it—most reluctantly accepting to become the guardians of our sports. This is the most unfortunate situation. But, if you look at the sports associations, it is needless to say that personal rvalries, factional quarrels, neglect in every way, negative features etc. are very much the characterists of these sports organizations. We must take care of them. The Government must take care of them. There has to be national accountability. Whatever may be the method by which or whatever may be the way in which you tackle that, whether in conformity with the Olympic Charter or something else, some sort of national accountability has to be ensured.

Madam, it is also true that poverty and lack of opportunities, sports opportunities, stand in the way of development of sports and participation by the common masses in the sports programmes. The Government will have to look into it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude now.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: While coming to the question of giving suggestions, Madam, I think, the sports bodies must be made to work unitedly and democratically. Madam, factions are there. The General Secretary of a sports body is interested to run down the Chairman, and the Chairman would like to see that a particular department does not fare well in the competition so that in he next election, he can defeat them. This is the situation in which the sports bodies are run. Therefore, there has to be an attempt by the Government to ensure that the sports bodies function unitedly and democratically. Madam, I plead with the Government to increase...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): You will have to conclude now.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I am coming to the end.

Madam, I plead with the Government to increase substantially the allotment for sports in the current Five-Year Plan, and in the Budget also.

Madam, I have a word of caution for the India press also. I have a word of caution because undue publicity to the coming-up or to the young athletes who are just coming up, who are not mature, is the surest way of putting hurdles in their development. Madam, what is happening to Tendulkar? What has happened to Tendulkar? You cannot deal with the sports world in the way the press can deal with the film world. Therefore, sensationalism or undue craze for publicity being given to the people who are just coming up must be discouraged. The press has a role to play in the country.

Lastly, Madam, I request the Government to come up with a specific programme. The statement is totally disappointing in the sense that it gives a catalogue of incidents, but it has not reached the root of the problem. I wish Miss Mamta Banerjee devotes a little more time to sports than to some other political things that she is doing. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: In his own State.

KUM. MAMATA BANERJEE: I will listen first and then I will reply.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: You are quick-tempered... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The point is...

KUM. MAMATA BANERJEE: I will reply to all the points. You have to listen.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I am listeing to everybody. But, if a Member of the House makes a suggestion that the hon. Minister of State should devote little more time to the development of sports...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Do you have any personal problem?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: ... than what she is doing at the moment, it seems, she becomes angry with me. It is for the betterment of sports that I am suggesting.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Please conclude now.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, lasly, I do not suggest that there should be a Commission. I do not suggest that let there be a National Commission of Sports which the Government should appoint. I am not suggesting that. But what I believe is that the Government should seriously ponder over the reasons for the failure. This statement does not give that sense. There must be a heart-searching. And if the Government does not really search out, find out the reasons for this colossal national failure, then, I don't believe, Madam, that the sports is going to improve. And without improving the sports the morale of the youth cannot be improved. And without a new younger generation coming up, the future for the country may not be that bright.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): Mr. Shankar Dayal Singh. You begin now.

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH (Bihar): I will start after the lunch.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): All right.

The House stands adjourned for lunch till 2.30 P.M.

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THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): We continue with the calling attention on Barcelona. Shri Shankar Dayal Singh, are you speaking or you want to yield to Dr. Sivaji?

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: I am speaking.

महोदया, बार्सिलोना से अधिक मुझे अपने इतिहास की चिंता हो रही है। चिंता इस बात से हो रही है कि इतिहास में महाभारत के काल में एक अर्जुन हमारे यहां पैदा हुये जिसने नीचे पानी में देखकर मीन की आंख को छेद दिया था। द्रोपदी ने उनके गले में वरमाला, विजयमाला पहनाई थी। आज हमारे बीच अर्जुन सिंह जी सक्षम व्यक्ति हैं लेकिन पता नहीं अर्जुन सिंह जी का निशाना क्यों इस तरफ ठीक नहीं बैठा कि वरमाला उनके गले में पड़ सकी।